

May 2, 2023

*Mr. Smock, President of the Board, convened the work session at 7:00 PM on the above date. Also present were Commissioners Milazzo, Eckles, Pavone and Miller, as well as: Jason M. Bobst; Colleen Marsini, Esquire; Kathy Frederick; Michael Kelly; Stephen Morris; Donna Horn; Michael Valyo; Allan Booz; and Jon Dzedzy. After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting proceeded.*

**Swearing In** *After Police Chief Kelly read a brief biography of newly-hired police officer Adam Michalski, District Justice Marc Alfarano administered the oath and presided over the swearing in of Officer Michalski.*

**Discussion/  
Status Update** *Discussion/Status Updates were given by Mr. Bobst as follows:*

*A waiver of land development was received from Dan Moore Tree Service to construct a pre-fab pole barn on the property at 2580 Industry Lane. According to Mr. Bobst, the applicant will still have to go through the process, including stormwater, EDU application, etc. In response to an inquiry by Mr. Smock, it was noted by Mr. Bobst that no zoning issues exist. After discussion, it was agreed by the Board to list this application for approval at its next meeting.*

*Regarding proposed Ordinance No. 2023-764 prohibiting conversion therapy, Joan Wurzel, Chairman of the HRC thanked the Solicitors for working on the Ordinance and explained how minors need to be protected from discrimination. Per Ms. Wurzel, this Ordinance will prohibit conversion therapy in the Township and it's advertising here. Ms. Pavone added that this Ordinance attaches fines to violators. Thanks, and gratitude were expressed by Mr. Miller for the HRC's hard work on this issue. According to Mr. Bobst, the next step is to list for advertising approval in June and adoption in July.*

**Manager** *According to Mr. Bobst, the following items would be considered for adoption and/or action thereon at the next Board meeting:*

- A. Adopting Ordinance No. 2023-762 Amending Zoning Code to Create Main Street Commercial District and Amending Map to Rezone Parcel from R-1 to C. Mr. Bobst added that this was tabled from last month to amend parcel numbers and to remove those parcels between Schuylkill & Forrest Avenues;*
- B. Awarding bid for 2023 Road Paving Project – Budget;*
- C. Awarding bid for 2023 Road Paving Project – Sewer; and*
- D. It was added that the Conditional Use Hearing for TLC's car wash on W. Main Street will be held at the Board's regular meeting next week.*

**Liaison  
Committee  
Reports**

*Per Mr. Smock, the Planning Commission met and were presented with the 537 Plan and discussed the comprehensive plan – phase 2.*

*Ms. Milazzo advised that the Parks & Recreation committee met to plan upcoming, including Community Day on May 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 PM – 8:30 PM and fireworks thereafter.*

*Ms. Eckles stated that the Arts & Culture Commission met, but without a quorum and its next meeting will be on June 20<sup>th</sup>.  
@ 6:30 PM.*

*Ms. Pavone mentioned that the HRC will have a booth at Community Day. Also, Ms. Pavone noted that the HRC held a movie night and that two (2) more movie nights are planned, as well as a high school event. According to Ms. Pavone, the next project of the HRC is a proposed ordinance on women’s health issues.*

*It was noted by Mr. Miller that the next event of the EAC is its participation in Community Day.*

*Mr. Bobst added, and Mr. Valyo described, a “Touch a Truck” event being held on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Valley Forge Marketplace from 1-4 PM including SWAT, fire & emergency vehicles.*

**Public  
Comment**

*Leroy James Watters, III. of 1 E. Indian Lane announced that a local Veterans meeting will be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> @ the Jefferson Fire Company. Also, Mr. Watters distributed to the Board a booklet of vacant and blighted properties in Norristown that do not appear on the tax records. According to Mr. Watters, although none of these properties are located in West Norriton, these blighted properties in Norristown are driving down our property values as well.*

**Upcoming  
Meeting Dates**

*According to Mr. Bobst, the following is the upcoming schedule of meetings: Environmental Advisory Council – May 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00 PM; Recreation Committee – May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM; Arts & Culture Commission – June 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM; Planning Commission – May 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM; Zoning Hearing Board – None; and Human Relations Commission – May 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM.*

**Adjournment**

*There being no further items on the agenda, upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Pavone and unanimously approved, the work session was adjourned at 7:31PM.*

*Kathy K. Frederick  
Assistant Secretary*